



St. Andrews Academy

CHOO-CHOO EXPRESS

November 2011

A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR...

October was a great month full of pumpkins. I hope everyone had a fun time at West Produce. I know I did! The children enjoyed making dog biscuits for the Ft. Bragg Animal Shelter for our fall service project. You can see the certificates of Appreciation the shelter awarded the school and the children on the POPS bulletin board. Thanks for all of your donations to the animal shelter. The fire truck visit was exciting! November is here already! Thanksgiving is quickly approaching with Christmas on its heels. We are learning about giving with the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Your donations to this project are greatly appreciated. It is a wonderful way to teach children about giving. Shopping for items, talking about it with you, and packing the shoeboxes in the classroom help to reinforce the true meaning of Christmas – Jesus (God gave His only son!) Also, we are so thankful for our many blessings. All of you, the families of St. Andrews are some of our blessings. In November some of our classes will hold their own elections and there will be Thanksgiving feasts/programs so check your classroom calendars to keep informed. Special thanks to Stephanie Bowden for volunteering to lead our chapel music!

~Gulie Bullard

Important Dates:

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- November 6th ~ Daylight Savings Time Ends
- November 8th ~ Election Day
- November 9th ~ POPS Meeting
- November 11th ~ Veteran's Day (NO SCHOOL)
- November 16th ~ 4's Thanksgiving Feast
- Nov. 23rd - 25th ~ Thanksgiving Break
- December 1st ~ Barnes & Noble Book Fair
- December 9th ~ Christmas Program

POPS – Parents of Preschoolers

Join us on Wednesday, November 9th at 9:15 in the Family life Center for our General Meeting. We will assemble boxes for our Operation Christmas Child service project and enjoy yummy goodies prepared

by...you! Please bring a snack, appetizer, or sweet and several copies of the recipe to "swap." Look forward to seeing many of you then!

If you will need child care please contact Erin Thomson at DKThomson@aol.com with the names & ages of your children.

November's Sponsor:

Stephanie N. Harris
Avon Independent Sales Representative

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FREE SHIPPING!

More POPS news....

- The week of December 12th - 16th POPS will be collecting items in good, clean condition (no clothing or shoes) for the spring **Yard Sale**. Items may be left on the table in the school entryway.
- A Holiday "Wish Tree" for teachers will be put in the lobby the week of Thanksgiving. Look for your teachers' Christmas wishes and make them come true!!

FOUR'S Field Trip

The 4's will be going to see "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" Tuesday, Dec. 13th at the Cape Fear Regional Theater. The cost is \$8 per child and \$8 per adult. Payment must be made to the school NLT Nov. 22nd to guarantee our seating. Since the theater does not make refunds we will not be able to make any refunds after Nov. 22nd. Sign up sheets



The Best Christmas Pageant Ever

will be outside your child's classroom soon. Last year's fours really enjoyed the play and we are sure it will be a hit again this year.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

THANK YOU to everyone who donated items for OCC!! We are still looking for help in raising funds to cover the cost of shipping the shoeboxes. Shipping is \$7 per box. With our goal of sharing Christ's love with 100 children, that means we need \$700. If you own a business that would like to make a contribution, or if you are willing to go to local businesses to request contributions, please let Ms. Gulie know. We have a prepared letter that can be given to businesses to explain our request. Remember, all donations are tax deductible!! Let's work together to get these Christmas gifts to children who are not as fortunate as our own!

Every Wednesday, we need volunteers to help with **Lunch Bunch Pizza Day**. The first volunteer takes orders and collects money, while the second volunteer picks up the pizza and assists with serving it to the children. The second volunteer is also welcome to stay and eat with your child. Enjoy a free slice of pizza for you and younger siblings...just mention it to the morning volunteer. The volunteer sign-up sheet is on the POPS Bulletin Board! Thanks!

BARNES & NOBLE BOOKFAIR FUNDRAISER

December 1st ~ 4 to 6 PM

Do some Christmas Shopping, enjoy a mini "concert" by the kids, & take part in fun activities with your children including crafts, face painting, coloring, book readings and more!

A portion of the proceeds from the items purchased by St. Andrew's Supporters will come back to us!

Volunteers are still needed...please see Danielle Keller (884-9916 or mdkeller03@aol.com) if you can help out.

When ordering online please use Voucher Number #10539773 so the proceeds go to St. Andrews Academy!

Christmas at Camp is for Everyone!

Saturday, December 3rd
10AM to 2PM

Rockfish Camp & Retreat Center
226 Camp Rockfish Road
Parkton, NC 28371

Activities for all ages:

Hayrides, Canoeing, Campfire, Holiday Crafts, Board Games, Hot & Cold Appetizers, Holiday Feast

Registration Required by November 13th

Complete a registration form and place it with your payment in the Christmas box at the school entrance.

Cost: Ages 0-2 FREE, Ages 3-9 \$9,
Ages 10+ \$12

An Adult must accompany children.

Make Checks Payable to SAUMC and note
"Christmas at Camp."

Need to Know...

- Don't forget to save those **Soda Pop Tabs & Campbell Soup Labels (Including Glad, Emerald Nuts & Dannon)**.... When you collect a bunch simply turn them in to your child's teacher!
- Thank You to Dr. Stanley Griffin, Dr. Dickerhoff, Dr. Dowd and Dr. Percy Jessup for donating toothpaste and toothbrushes for OCC!